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NOVEL PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified divisional patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract and insert the following:

--An antibody having special affinity to a protein which inhibits osteoclast differentiation and/or maturation and a method for determining the concentration of the protein by detection of \mathcal{N} : \mathcal{E} . the concentration of protein-antibody conjugates formed. The protein is produced by human embryonic lung fibroblasts and has a molecular weight of about 60 kD and about 120 kD under non-reducing conditions and about 60 kD under reducing conditions on SDS-polyacrylamide gel

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